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MAYOR SANDERS TRAVELS TO WASHINGTON D.C. TO FIGHT FOR OUR SHARE OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS

San Diego – Mayor Jerry Sanders will travel to Washington D.C. today with a delegation of regional leaders, to make a presentation to the Secretary of Transportation in support of the region's application to the Urban Partnership Agreement.

As part of the Department of Transportation's May 2006 Congestion Initiative, the Department issued a solicitation in December 2006 for interested parties to submit an Urban Partnership Application. Applications were to spell out how a major metro area or other potential partner would vigorously address traffic congestion and implement ways to reduce that congestion.

San Diego's proposal consisted of creating a network of 173 priced highway access ramps or so-called "HOT ramps." It would also increase bus rapid transit services. San Diego is one of 9 regions to make the "short list" for the \$1.1 billion in funding. The five final Urban Partners will be named in early August.

The Mayor will return to San Diego late Tuesday night.

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